

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Benito et al. ) PATENT  
Serial No.: 10/009,980 ) Attorney Docket  
Filed: November 8, 2001 ) HER-102.0  
For: MOLECULAR METHODS FOR ) (8057/84086)  
DETECTING GUAR GUM ADDITIONS )  
TO LOCUST BEAN GUM ) Group Art No.  
Examiner: Teresa A. Strelecka ) 1637

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

A two-month extension of time in response to an Office  
Action mailed February 23, 2005, is respectfully requested.


There is submitted herewith the following:

1. Reply and Amendment;
2. Certified Copy of Priority Application; and
3. Check No. 094274 in the amount of \$450.00 for the  
two-month extension of time (a response to the Office Action was  
due May 23, 2005).

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary  
in addition to those that are enclosed. Should any fee be

needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

Respectfully submitted,

By   
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time and its fee, along with a Reply and Amendment and its stated enclosures, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 27, 2005.

  
Edward P. Gamson